GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development work executed in communication system in the country during the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the amount spent for the purpose during the said period;

(c) whether the Government propose to take some effective steps to ensue further improvement in communication system in the country during the current and next financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The details of telephone connections provided in the country during last three years, State-wise are as per Annexure-I.

(b) The amount spent during last three years are as per Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The objectives of the Ninth Five Year Plan for modernisation and expansion of communication services in the country envisages.

(1) To replace life expired and Technologically obsolete switches with digital switches.

(2) To introduce Wireless in Local Loop, Highbit rate Digital Subscriber Line (H.D.S.L.), AsymmetricaDigital Subscriber Line (A.D.S.L.) and Optital Fibres technologies in the Local Network.

(3) To introduce better and reliable technologies for providing Village Public Telephones.

(4) That all exchanges will have reliable media.

(5) To make available sufficient band width for spread of Internet and Information Technology.

(6) To provide ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) facility. It has been planned to introduce ISDN upto DHQ level, subject to availability of demand.

(7) Provide telephone on demand with the participation of private sector supplementing the efforts of the Government for both fixed and mobile phones.

(8) Provide telephone facility in all the villages with the participation of private sector supplementing the efforts of the Government.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.

ANNEXURE-I
STATE-WISE TELEPHONE CONNECTION PROVIDED DURING LAST THREE YEARS

S.No. NAME OF STATE TELEPHONE CONNECTION PROVIDED

1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000

1	ANDEMAN & NICOBAR	2012	7501	8690
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	216487	404980	655088
3	ASSAM	36477	50375	61162
4	BIHAR	66294	103128	125179
5	GUJARAT	213824	255388	374022
6	HARYANA	73081	96170	117436
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	40176	43217	60027
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	20819	18501	22158
9	KARNATAKA	254378	237002	364715
10	KERALA	230010	271065	350055
11	MADHYA PRADESH	102692	140352	154816
12	MAHARASHTRA	501441	502129	657868
13	NORTH EAST	23030	35116	43801
14	ORISSA	67178	68175	89036
15	PUNJAB	165969	193469	208288
16	RAJASTHAN	147632	171445	182395
17	TAMIL NADU	364546	480238	546170
18	UTTAR PRADESH	313918	341602	418217
19	WEST BENGAL	238140	281745	301803
20	DELHI	180941	90392	176733
	TOTAL	3259045	3791990	4917659

Note: Gujarat state includes Dadar Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli (U.T.).
Kerala state includes Lakshadweep (U.T.).
Maharashtra state includes Goa and Mumbai.
North- East telecom circle includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalay, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura state.
Punjab state includes Chandigarh (U.T.).
Tamil Nadu state includes Chennai and Pondicherry(U.T.).
West Bengal state includes Calcutta and SikkIm state.
Bihar state includes Jharkhand state.
Madhya Pradesh state includes Chattisgarh state.
Uttar Pradesh state includes Uttranchal state.

ANNEXURE-II

AMOUNT SPENT DURING LAST THREE YEARS

S.No.	NAME OF STATE/CIRCLE	AMOUNT SPENT (Rs. CRORES)		
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	9.95	16.47	27.30
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	550.54	696.94	1122.63
3	ASSAM	122.45	112.86	143.67
4	BIHAR	269.08	325.45	390.13
5	GUJARAT	565.95	552.24	820.47
6	HARYANA	181.21	207.17	301.03
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	121.59	119.87	168.02
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	52.51	51.04	87.07
9	KARNATAKA	654.33	714.02	962.52
10	KERALA	631.11	731.50	926.51
11	MADHYA PRADESH	329.84	390.54	481.83
12	MAHARASHTRA	846.63	865.52	1236.75
13	NORTH EAST	104.72	182.03	201.14
14	ORISSA	167.28	174.44	224.44
15	PUNJAB	463.32	525.99	584.27
16	RAJASTHAN	386.01	374.81	568.15
17	TAMIL NADU	876.24	1015.70	1383.35
18	UTTAR PRADESH	1018.09	1014.20	1171.52
19	WEST BENGAL	638.83	669.19	795.70
20	OTHER UNITS	656.42	710.36	935.77
21	MTNL	858.95	953.06	947.99
	TOTAL	9505.05	10403.40	13480.26

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West Bengal state includes Calcutta and Sikkam state.
MTNL includes New Delhi and Mumbai.